

[(b)](C) Violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1975.

Approved May 15, 1975.

CHAPTER 682

(House Bill 433)

AN ACT concerning

Insurance - Full Maternity Benefits

FOR the purpose of providing certain health insurance benefits for certain pregnancy costs; and relating generally to health insurance for maternity care.

BY adding to

Article 48A - Insurance Code
Section 354E, 470F and 477G
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That new Sections 354E, 470F and 477G be and they are hereby added to Article 48A - Insurance Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 48A - Insurance Code

354E.

EVERY NONPROFIT HEALTH INSURER WHO ISSUES OR DELIVERS A HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY TO ANY PERSON IN THIS STATE UNDER WHICH ANY HOSPITALIZATION BENEFITS ARE PROVIDED FOR NORMAL PREGNANCY SHALL PROVIDE THOSE BENEFITS FOR THE COST OF HOSPITALIZATION FOR CHILDBIRTH TO THE SAME EXTENT AS THE HOSPITALIZATION BENEFIT PROVIDED IN THE POLICY FOR ANY COVERED ILLNESS. THIS PROVISION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED, HOWEVER, TO REQUIRE ANY INSURER TO PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR PREGNANCY OR CHILDBIRTH IN ANY POLICY.